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LOCAL EMERGENCY RESPONDERS CONDUCT EMERGENCY RESPONSE SIMULATION

CHESTER SPRINGS, PA – Local emergency responders conducted an emergency response drill on Tuesday, December 4, 2018.

The emergency simulation proceeded as follows:

At approximately 7:00 PM the Chester County Department of Emergency Services (CCDES) dispatched the Ludwig's Corner Fire Company and the Uwchlan Ambulance Corps to the area of the Enbridge Pumping Station, located off Fellowship Road in Upper Uwchlan Township, for the report of an odor of gas. Upon arrival, fire department personnel discovered that there had been an accident resulting in a large amount of gas leaking from a natural gas pipeline with a reported missing employee. The Enbridge Operations Center was immediately notified, and the pipeline was shut down at the two closets valve stations. A multi-agency incident command post was established. A ½ mile evacuation zone was established and local roadways surrounding the site were ordered closed. The evacuation was communicated to the public using reverse 911, various social media sites, and route alerting. A shelter was opened and staffed at the Pickering Valley Elementary School. The Media was briefed at the Upper Uwchlan Township municipal building. Enbridge personnel arrived on the scene to assist emergency response personnel. Air monitors were deployed, a primary search for the missing employee was conducted, and the area immediately surrounding the leak was covered with a fog pattern dispersed from an aerial tower ladder (fire truck). The missing employee was located and the product in the pipeline was allowed to safely evacuate. The evacuation was lifted with detailed information released to the public as it became available.

This was a drill. Periodic simulations like this one train emergency response personnel for all aspects of emergencies, including public notification. Residents are encouraged to be prepared for all types of emergencies, whether manmade or natural, by signing up for ReadyChesco to receive real-time notifications. Interested residents should also take

a [Community Emergency Response Team \(CERT\) Class](#) to learn how to help others in emergency situations.

Participating agencies in this simulation included: Ludwig's Corner Fire Department, Upper Uwchlan Township Police Department, Upper Uwchlan Township Emergency Management, Upper Uwchlan Township Public Works Department, Uwchlan Ambulance Corps, Chester County Department of Emergency Services, Chester County Hazmat Team, and Enbridge Energy Partners.

Upper Uwchlan Township would like to thank all participating agencies for their involvement in this emergency preparedness drill, whose continued dedication to public safety is appreciated.

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